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TAGS: ECON, PGOV, PREL, EPET, ASEC, CASC VE
SUBJECT: VENEZUELA SITREP AS OF 4:00AM APRIL 14 - CHAVEZ RETURNS

REF: A.CARACAS 1002 B.1001 C.1000 D.00998 E.00996 F.00984 G.00980
H.00974 I.00973 J.00966 K.00948

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TRIUMPHANT RETURN OF CHAVEZ

1. (SBU) AT 2:50AM APRIL 14, HUGO CHAVEZ ARRIVED AT MIRAFLORES
PALACE AND WAS GREETED BY A LARGE CROWD OF CELEBRATING SUPPORTERS.

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OFFICIAL TELEVISION REPORTED THAT CHAVEZ FLEW BY HELICOPTER FROM ORCHILA ISLAND TO A MILITARY FACILITY IN MARACAY, AND THEN ON TO MIRAFLORES IN CARACAS. THEREAFTER, OFFICIAL TELEVISION SHOWED CHAVEZ GOVERNMENT MINISTERS AND MILITARY SUPPORTERS ARRIVING INSIDE MIRAFLORES GATES.

2. (SBU) CHAVEZ APPEARED INSIDE OF MIRAFLORES, FLANKED BY WILLIAM LARA, ISAIS RODRIGUEZ, DIASDADO CABELLO AND JOSE VICENTE RANGEL, AND DELIVERED AN HOUR LONG ADDRESS WHICH STARTED AT 4:30AM APRIL 14. CHAVEZ IMMEDIATELY CALLED FOR CALM AND SAID EVERYONE SHOULD GO HOME "TO YOUR HOUSE, TO YOUR FAMILY." HE PROMISED THAT THERE WILL BE NO REVENGE OR PERSECUTION OF HIS OPPONENTS, BUT OBLIQUELY NOTED THAT CHANGES HAVE TO BE MADE. HE REFERENCED THAT HE HAD ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION OF THE PDVSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS (APPARENTLY TENDERED BY PRESIDENT GASTON PARRA ON APRIL 11), AND

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WILL WORK TO CONSTITUTE A NEW BOARD. HE ALSO ISSUED A CALL TO FORM ROUNDTABLES FOR NATIONAL DIALOGUE. CHAVEZ EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS NOT MISTREATED WHILE IN CUSTODY, AND FIRMLY DECLARED THAT HE DID NOT RESIGN AT ANY TIME.

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LOCAL TV COVERAGE

4. (SBU) ALL LOCAL TELEVISION CHANNELS (AND AT LEAST TWO INTERNATIONAL CHANNELS) COVERED CHAVEZ'S ADDRESS LIVE, APPARENTLY THROUGH A FEED FROM VENEZOLANA DE TELEVISION, THE STATE CONTROLLED CHANNEL. EARLIER, LOCAL TELEVISION CHANNELS CARRIED FEEDS FROM THE STATE-CONTROLLED CHANNEL IN WHICH CHAVEZ SUPPORTERS TALKED FROM INSIDE THE STUDIO, OR CARRIED REGULAR ENTERTAINMENT. THERE HAS BEEN NO INDEPENDENT LOCAL TELEVISION REPORTING THROUGHOUT THE NIGHT.

CARMONA'S ILL-FATED DECLARATION

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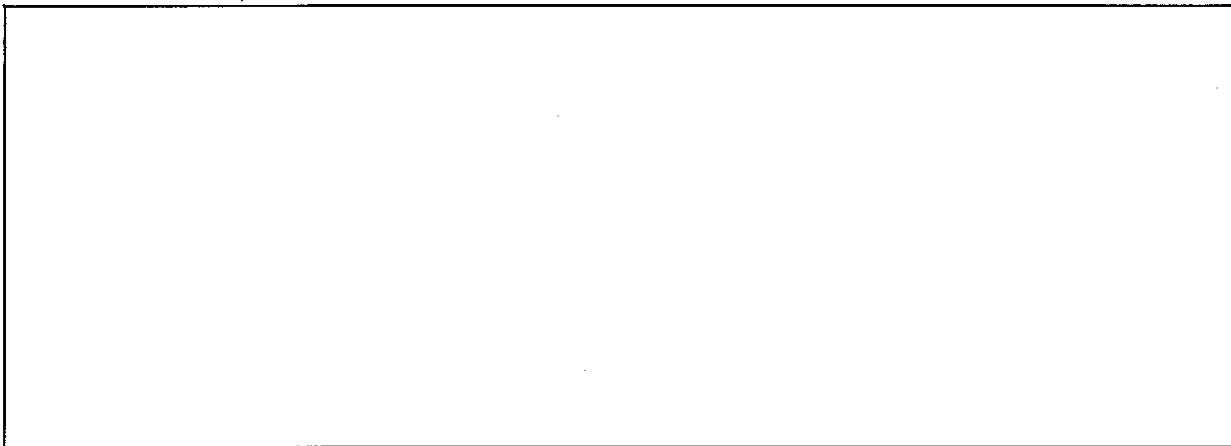
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